# Nationals Today Open Last Series of Trip: Big Crowds at Boston Games: Labor Day Sports

Once Mike's team had a good chance to get going, when men were on second and third with nobody down, but—well, probably it would be better not to recount the disaster which happened when the man on second was caught off and the one on third walked over to find out what the argument was about

Automobile Racer Hurt.

LINCOLN, Neb., September 2.-Leon

Duray. French automobile racer, sus-

# GRIFFS TO OPEN **WITH MACKS TODAY**

Four Games to Be Played in Final Series of Three-Week Trip.

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

PHILADELPHIA, September 2 .- On the last leg of their three-week swing around the circuit, the Nationals today do battle with Connie Mack's celebrated cellar champions who constitute the one and only obstacle to attainment of last place by

The Apathetics, as they have come to be known, have faults which extend from the pitching corps to the outfield and back again, but despite the loads of gratuitous criticism directed at them individually and collectively, they are possessed of one virtue in an unparalleled degree-

Since C. McGillicuddy breezed home Since C. McGillicuddy breezed home in front of the American League field in 1914, only to come a cropper against the Braves in the world series, the Mackmen have not varied one whit in the race they have put up. They have finished last every year, and seidom have had any disputants for the position. That constitutes what might be termed a model of consistency. No other club has finished in any one niche of the race with such a degree of frequency. The Griffs this season would have given the Macks a tight rub for the submarine honors, but for the fact that their losing tendencies were not fully developed until after the Macks had a toe hold on the place.

Four games are listed here—combats today and Thursday, with a twin bill sandwiched in tomorrow. It is likely George Erickson will do the flinging for the Griffs in the opener. Labor day, 1919, will live long in the memory of George Gorman Ruth and more than 30,000 fans that jammed into Fenway park. This crowd, the second largest of the season in Boston, braved lowering skies and a chill wind in the hope of seeing the Red Sox take a double fall out of the Griffmen and witnessing Ruth's inimitable enactment of the sketch entitled "hitting for the circuit."

The mob was not disappointed in either particular, and it so happened that Ruth personally was responsible for both Boston victories. He pitched the opener against Harry Harper and won it with a triple, driving in one run and scoring the other himself on a subsequent hit, to cop by a 2 to 1 count.

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In the closing affair, in which Shaw and Russell staged a beautiful hurling duel for two thirds of the route, Ruth came to bat in the seventh with a mate who had walked on the sacks ahead of him and drove one of Shaw's low, fast balls into the right field bleachers for a round trip of the bases.

The scene that ensued surpassed for enthusiasm and wild acclain anything that we ever witnessed on a diamond. It was Ruth's twenty-fourth homer of the season. It carried him to with-in one of the record set by Freeman many years ago. The crowd arose en masse and for nearly five minutes roared its tribute to this Colossus of

They stood on their seats and velled They stood on their seats and yelled themselves hoarse, throwing programs in the air and pounding the backs of the fans nearest to them in their delirium of delight. Some of the enthusiastic "sailed" their straw hats out onte-the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field. The field t headpieces. And when the game end-ed, with the tally 4 to 1 in Boston's favor, the fans swarmed over the railings, hoisted Ruth on their shoulders and carried him off the

field.

Not content, it waited until he emerged from the clubhouse in street attire and converted his auto ride toward home into a sort of triumphal march for several blocks. It probably was the greatest demonstration ever given a ball player. At least nothing like it ever was seen by any one connected with the Washington club.

George Twombly's career as a member of the Nationals just about sets the record for brevity. The New Haven player reported in time to get into the first game. He explained that business detained him from making the trip to Washington Sunday, and as soon as the first game was ended be was given permission to reand as soon as the first game was ended he was given permission to return and finish his business. Incidentally, he was informed he "needn't be in a hurry to wind it up," as the Washington club probably would have no further use for him.

Twombly has been out of the Army

Twombly has been out of the Army only a few weeks and is about twenty pounds overweight. He is slow of foot and far from impressive looking at the bat. It happened he did not get a chance in the field, but Griff saw enough of him to conclude he is not the player he is looking for.

Eleven safeties were compiled in the initial affray off Ruth, who weakened rapidly toward the close; but as many athletes were left on the bases, which explains the Griffs' defeat. The lone tally chalked up by the visitors was secured in the seventh, when Gharrity walked, took third on a single by Shanks, who hit for Harper, and scored while Judge was forcing Howard. Roth executed a driving one-hand stab of a liner from Foster's bat in this contest that was sensational in the extreme.

Ellerbe and Harris, relieved of the rain they experienced in playing fore a Washington crowd for the first time Sunday, again put up strong games in the field. "The governor," as Ellerbe has been dubbed, because as Ellerbe has been dubbed, because his dad formerly was chief executive of the state of South Carolina, got a pair of blows in the opener. Harris got one. The latter was withdrawn because of further injury to the damaged digits on his throwing hand. He probably will be laid off until the team gets back home, to give his fingers a chance to heal.

Menosky's two-bagger over Ruth's head in the seventh round accounted for the only tally the Griffs were able to comb Russell for in the nightcap. It scored Rice, who had forced Milan following Zeb's single. The only other safety obtained off the former Yank was a scratch by Leonard the inning before. Russell had his side-arm spitter working in wonderful fashion. Eight of the Griffs succumbed with strikes.

Harry Hooper was presented with a eving cup on his first appearance at at. It was from the Hooper Athletic Club, an organization of young sters who play on the sandlots i Boston. Hooper did not strike out i acknowledgment, as is usually t case, but he failed to get a hit sither game.

The size of the crowd, which num-bered 25,970 paid admissions, was noteworthy, considering that the teams playing occupy sixth and sev enth place in the race and that the weather was threatening. It starte rain in the ninth inning of the throughout the second contest, bu body left the park until after Rut t the ball over the garden wall is seventh. So anxious was the d to see Ruth get a chance to gister his twenty-fifth homer that the eighth with Vitt on first and out Roth was implored to fan fe and prevent Ruth from getting and her time at bat. As it developed, oth walked and Ruth got his chance, it a high fly to Ellerbe was the best Records of Rival Pitchers in Griffs-Athletics Games

The appended figures give as intimate line on how the pitchers of the Nationals and Athletics, who begin a series at Philadelphia today, have fared in interclub games during their lifetime pitching career against each club.

SENATORS' PITCHERS PHILADELPHIA TEAM. Pitchers Throws W. L.
Ed Hovlik...R 1 0
Eric Erickson R 1 0
Jim Shaw....R 14 9 Ed Hovlik...R 1
Eric Erickson R 1
Jim Shaw...R 14
W. Johnson...R 36 Harry Harper.L Grand Total .. 60 46

404 for an average of .232.

ATHLETICS' PITCHERS VS. WASHINGTON TEAM. Pitchers Throws W. L.
Tom Rogers...R 4 3
Jing Johnson. R 5 5
Rollie Naylor.R 2 2
Win Noyes...R 1 1
Scott Perry...R 4 5
Bill Kinney...L 0 3

Grand Total .. 16 19

considered.
"We will not take any action in regard to the series until the prospective winners have won the champion-

tive winners have won the championship." Herrmann said.

"It would be entirely out of order
to make any plans at present."

The action of the minor leaguers in
abrogating the draft-rule agreement
is causing the major leaguers some
concern, Herrmann said. The minors
broke off relations with the American
and National leagues several months
ago, deciding that if the major
league club owners wanted the star
players developed in the minor
leagues they would have to purchase
their release outright instead of
drafting them.

## **STATISTICS**

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L. Pet. Win. Lose.
Chicago 77 42 .847 .844 .842
Cleveland 69 48 .590 .593 .580
Detroit 68 50 .576 .580 .572
New York 65 51 .560 .564 .556
St. Louis 61 57 .517 .527 .513
Boston 55 62 .470 .475 .486
Washington 44 74 .373 .378 .370
Philadelphia 30 85 .261 .267 .259

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

GAMES TOMORROW.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES. Louis, 5-1; Pittsburgh, 4-2.
Chicago, 4-2; Cincinnati, 3-4.
New York, 3; Boston, 2.
(Morning game—Rain.)
Philadelphia, 6; Brocklyn,
(Mogning game—Rain.)

## WINS THIS BY PITCHING

	Foster, 3b	4	0	1	1	1
ij	Milan, cf		0	2		0
ì	Ellerbe, ss		0	2	4	2
S	Rice, rf		0	1	4	0
i	Twombly, If	4	0	0	0	0
i	Harris, 2b		0	1	4	5
	Gharrity, c		1	ī	2	3
i	Harper, p		0	0	0	2
g	Gill, p		0	0	0	1
	Shanks*	1	0	1	0	0
H	Picinicht	1	0	1	0	0
i	Menosky1	0	0	0	0	0
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3	Totals	36	1	11	24	14
	BOSTON.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.
í	Hooper, rf	3	0	0	0	0
J	Vitt, 3b	4	0	1	1	4
1	Roth, cf	2	1	1	1	1
ì	Ruth, p		1	1	1	2
j	Schang, c	4	0	2	3	2
j	McInnis, 1b	4	0	2	14	0
i	Shannon, 2b	2	0	0	2	8
	Scott, 85		0	1	2	4
	Gilhooley, If	. 8	0	0	8	0
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## AND THIS BY A HOMER

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A	
Judge, 1b	3	0	0	7	0	
Foster, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	1
Milan, cf	4	0	1	1	1	
Rice, rf	4	1	0		0	1
Ellerbe, ss	3	0	0		3	- 3
Menosky, If	3		1	2	0	3
Leonard, 2b	3		1	1	2	3
Gharrity, c	3	0	0	7	0	
Shaw, p	3	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	1	3	24	8	-
BOSTON.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E
Hooper, rf		0	0	4	0	
Vitt. 3b	4	0	1	1	2	
Roth, cf	2	1	0	1	ō	
Kuth. If	4	1	1	3	0	
McInnis, 1b	3	1	2	5	1	
Gainer, 1b	1	1	0	2	0	
Walters, c		0			0 2 2 2 1	
Schang, c		0		5	2	
Shannon, 2b		0			2	
Scott, ss	3	0	0	2	2	
Russell, p	3	0	0	1	1	
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Navy Yard and Naval Operations Meet at Union Park. Sports of Yesterday.

The base ball series for the amateur affair, with Owen getting the better of Dumphy in a pitching duel. In the resumed this afterr wan with a game second Ferguson outpitched Knoeder resumed this afterr on with a game game, as usual, will be played at 15th and H streets northeast, at 5:30

CHICAGO, September 2.—Tentative plans for the world series will not be made for possibly ten days or two weeks, when the pennant races are definitely settled, August Herrmann, chairman of the national base ball commission, announced last night.

The meeting of the commission scheduled to be held here today was generally understood to be in connection with the world series, but Chairman Herrmann said the question of drafting players from the minor leagues was the only business to be considered.

Washington Canoe Club canoeists cleaned up the river yesterday in the regatta held under the auspices of that organization. Especially in the four American Canoe Association championships did the Washington men do stellar work, first and second places in each race being won by them. In the other senior events and junior races local men more than the did their own. The events were run of smoothly and the regatta was credit to the club in every way. All in all, yesterday was a banner day in the history of the Washington Canoe Club. Results of the regatta:

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One man, single blades—Won by Bamman, Washington C. C.; second, Davis, Washington C. C.; third, Rutherford, Washington C. C. third, Rutherford, Washington C. C.; third, Baland Rutherford, Washington C. C.; third, Balfour and Lemplar, Samoset C. C.; third, Balfour and Lemplar, Samoset C. C.; Boston.

One man, double blade—Won by K. Knight, Washington C. C.; third, Hill, Swatsika C. C.

Tandem, double blade—Won by K. Knight, and Wagner, Washington C. C.; second, Rutherford and Burch, Washington C. C.; third, Hill and Harrington, Swatsika C. C.

RED DRAGON TROPHY EVENT. One man, double blade—Won by Crosdale, Red Drazon Club, Philadelphia; second, H. Knight, Washington C. C.; third, Rutherford, Washington C. C.

Algonquin (M. Gregory, C. and Sutton).
Overboard and upset, one man, single blade
Won by Wagner, Washington C. C.; second,
Bamman, Washington C. C.; third, Rutherford, Washington C. C.

Yesterday at American League Park, with President Wilson in the stands, the Home Defense League won from the Police Department by 5 to 3, in the annual diamond contest for the beneannual diamond contest for the benefit of the police relief fund. Both teams wanted to win, but the main object was to get a crowd and sell as many tickets as possible in order to give that relief fund a big boost. Just how many persons went to the park to see the ball game, as compared with the number there to see the President, is impossible to say, but it would be safe to place the ratio at about 1 to 200. At least, that seems a conservative ratio when it is realized how many—how few would be a more accurate expression—attend the usual benefit contests at the big league field. About 16,000 tickets were sold.

It was a pretty good ball game at that, despite a few slip-ups on the part of Mike Ready's police outfit.

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between Navy Yard and Naval Operations. Bus Hager will send Lem Owen to the mound again and Tom Crooke intends to depend on Phil Buscher to do the twirling for his club. The do the twirling for his club. The game as usual, will be played at 15th round of the singles by defeating Maj. Crunden after thirty-six games in the second bracket and by disposing of the veteran Al Gore handily in the next stage. Crunden was twice within a point of winning in both the second and third sets. o'clock.

Hager and Crooke, despite the nodefeat lead that War Risk holds in the series, are confident that their respective teams are going to win the spective teams are going to win the championship. Saturday night Crooke said: "You may think different, but we said: "You may think different, but we are going to win this series. The Navy Yard men are confident and I am confident myself that they have the ability to get away with it." Says Bus Hager: "Watch us. The next time we play War Risk we are going to clean up, and with that game to be played over that is credited to them we are officely to be leading the series. I believe we shall win."

One victory was won by representatives of the Potomac Boat Club in the tives of the Potomac Boat Club in the junior eight capturing its event by beating the Vesper Boat Club of Philadelphia with some to spare. The Potomac Junior boat rowed in excellent form and displayed ability which should make it a dangerous contender in the intermediate next year. Bob Duncan placed second in the singles, defeating his greatest rival, Lentz, but losing to Ringling of the Vesper Boat Club of Philadelphia with some to spare. The Potomac Junior boat rowed in excellent form and displayed ability which should make it a dangerous contender in the upper half, and iStell-wagen, former Harvard player, and the Suburban League's leading racketer, made a fine impression in the lower half when he eliminated J. A. Purinton, one of the best players in the tourney, in straight sets.

Drawings in the women's singles and mixed doubles will be made this evening and play in these classes started tomorrow. Yesterday's summaries:

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Second round—Edwards defeated Miles, 6—4, 3—6, 6—2; Miller defeated Foley, 6—2, 6—0; Dudley defeated Boegehold, 6—3, 9—7; Gore defeated Dowd, 6—0, 6—3; Graves defeated Crunden, 2—6, 7—5, 9—7; Kumpangtong defeated Charshee, 6—4, 6—1; Lewis defeated Selden, 6—1; 6—1; Herrick defeated Davis, 6—4, 6—1; Ballenger defeated Rowe, 6—2, 6—4; Purinton defeated Franklin, 6—1, 6—2; Stellwagen defeated Callahan, 6—0, 6—1; Cissel defeated Murphy, by default; Beale defeated Newby, 6—4, 6—4. tained a broken arm and other severe injuries at the state fair races yesterday when his car skidded at a turn and upset, crashing through the fence of the half-mile dirt track. The twenty-five-mile sweepstakes for a purse of \$2,000 was won by Haugdahl.

off and the one on third walked over to find out what the argument was about.

Virnstein and Kelly pitched fine ball for Home Defense and Police. The work of both hurlers, with that of their catchers, Giebel and Hager, stood out as the premier base ball performances of the day.

Clarendon beat the Cardinals yesterday at Clarendon by 4 to 3. Pfeil pitched fine ball for Clarendon.

Rex Athletic Club landed both games of its double-header at Union Park, defeating the Benders of Baltimore by scores of 2 to 1 and 6 to 1. The first contest was a brilliant 2 to 1 affair, with Owen getting the better about the only happening in the nature of the day at the contest was a brilliant 2 to 1 affair, with Owen getting the better about the only happening in the nature of the day.

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Preliminary round—Watson vs. Lee. Mayfield vs. Cooke, J. Dowd vs. Wise, Price vs. Barr, Grant vs. Kaufman, Tuck vs. Reasoner. Flournoy vs. Frizzel, Sullivan vs. Knapp, Bond vs. Smythe, Hume vs. Behlman. Platt vs. Taylor, Howenstein vs. Benton, Franklin vs. Fowler, Montgomery vs. Clements.

First round—Crunden vs. winner Watson-Lee match; James vs. winner of Montgomery-Clements match.

Makes 56 Straight "Bulls."

SEA GIRT, N. J., September 2 .- A world record of fifty-six consecutive hits on a sixteen-inch bull's-eye at 500 yards was made yesterday by Lieut. R. E. Smith of the American expeditionary forces in the Swiss "miss-andout" match at the annual tournamen

Lieut. Smith, who won the national individual trophy at the Caldwell (N. J.) naval rifle range shoot last week, actually scored fifty-eight straight hits, as poth of his sighting shots, bit the center. shots hit the center.

## Keller to Coach.

BALTIMORE, September 2.-Holly Keller, all-Maryland quarterback and last year captain at Western Mary-land, has been appointed foot ball coach at Randolph Macon. Keller, during his four-year stay at Western Maryland, played on both the foot ball and base ball teams.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., September 2.—
Announcement was made yesterday
by the Bloomington Three I League
club of the sale of Pitcher Ted Turner, premier pitcher of this league,
to the Chicago National League club.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September
Columbia won the pennant of
South Atlantic Base Ball Associa
yesterday by defeating Charlott
to 0.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 2 Columbia won the pennant of the yesterday by defeating Charlotte 5 to 0.



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